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Case No. <u>9281/3703</u> Alps Ref. No. <u>2F US99012-NORMAL</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kimihiro Kikuchi et al.

Serial No: 09/611,717

Filed: July 6, 2000

For: PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER

AND FACE TREATMENT METHOD AND TREATMENT

DEVICE

Examiner: D.H. Heckenberg Jr.

Group Art Unit: 1722

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated November 14, 2002 for a period of 1 month(s).

Applicants:

Case No. 9281/3703 Alps Ref. No. 2F US99012-NORMAL

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- Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$____ for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- \boxtimes Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

March 13, 2003

Gustavo Siller Jr.

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